

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JOHN C. CLEARY ET. AL.

CASE NO.: SS3335 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.:

GROUP ART UNIT:

FILED:

EXAMINER: ARTI R. SINGH

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING NONWOVEN WEBS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

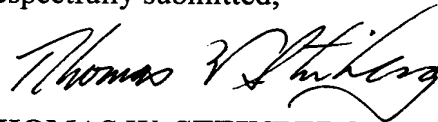
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 20-35.

**REMARKS**

This is a divisional application in which claims 1-19 will be prosecuted. It is respectfully requested that the amendments above be entered before examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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